



Summary Report	Near Fatality	10/22/15
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1. Near Fatality Victim: 3-year-old male

2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the near fatality?

The child was residing in his home when the following occurred:

On July 13, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report alleging neglect to the child by Valare Peralta. The child was involved in a three car accident in which mother was driving. The child's mother, Valare Peralta and sibling passed away at the scene. There was methamphetamine drug paraphernalia found in the vehicle. The child had the following injuries: bilateral pulmonary contusion (lungs), right pneumothorax, left temporal skull fracture, cardiac contusion, liver laceration, bilateral lateral epicondyle fracture, and hypoxemia and was in respiratory distress.

3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:

a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:

No services were being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

No.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

On February 24, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to a sibling by mother, Valare Peralta. The investigation assessed the sibling to be safe in the home. The family was offered services by the Department, but declined. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed on June 6, 2014.

d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the near fatality:

The investigation of the near fatality report resulted in the child being placed with a relative. The relative has since obtained guardianship of the child. The allegation that Valare Peralta neglected the child was substantiated. The case was closed on October 15, 2015. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.



4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:

a. Licensing Agency:

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.

N/A

5. Actions taken by the department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

A Fatality/Near Fatality Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) reviewed the case and identified the following issue:

During the July 13, 2015 investigation the investigator placed the near fatality victim in the home of a relative prior to having a home inspection completed. A home inspection was completed at a later date.

The Department reminds all caregivers to always properly restrain children in vehicles. For additional information please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Office of Injury Prevention: A Safe Ride home at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/ipcfr/a-safe-ride-home/index.php>